



Eligibility

The scheme applies to homes that have flooded before and/or at risk of any weather related flooding (i.e. rivers, sea, surface water and overflowing sewerage systems) and which are unlikely to benefit from a government flood alleviation solution in the medium term (i.e. within 5 years). Eligibility will be prioritised using either of the following criteria:

- Properties for which the owner can provide verifiable evidence of having internally flooded **once** or more in the past 25 years **and** which Rivers Agency can confirm they are located within the estimated flood areas illustrated on the 1 in 25 year Fluvial Flood Hazard Maps; **or**
- Properties for which the owner can provide verifiable evidence to substantiate internal flooding on **two** or more occasions in the past 25 years.

Estimating the level of risk to individual properties is not an exact science. Consequently, all relevant historical flood information together with the government's flood maps will be used to determine properties that are eligible for financial assistance.

Homeowners who believe their home is at risk of frequent flooding are encouraged to submit an application.

For full details on the Grant Scheme, a 'Guide to Applicants', Application form and other useful information is available to download at:

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/flooding-in-your-area>

or a copy can be requested from:

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Homeowner Flood Protection Grant Scheme (Northern Ireland)

This leaflet provides information on the Grant Scheme and on the products available to make homes more likely to reduce the amount of flood water from entering.



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Overview of the Scheme

This is a government grant scheme which is designed to encourage owners of residential properties located within known flood risk areas, to modify their properties to reduce the likelihood of flood water entering the home.

The grant will cover 90% of the cost and the successful applicants will be required to make the remaining 10% contribution. Depending on the size and type of property the cost to homeowners may typically fall within the range £350 to £750. A maximum grant cap also applies.

A building surveyor will be appointed to conduct a water entry survey for those qualifying homes and if feasible recommend a design of protection measures appropriate for the individual property.

An experienced contractor will then be appointed to install those measures and upon completion, the homeowner will be provided with an instruction pack on how to operate and maintain the products.

Understanding the Technology

Properties that have had the appropriate range of products fitted, can be protected, particularly against shallow depths of flooding (less than 600mm). **It is accepted that it may not be possible to completely prevent flood water entering the home in all circumstances.** However, if inflow is slowed to the extent that it reduces the potential internal flood depth, this can substantially reduce flood damage and the subsequent costs of property repair.

The main routes through which floodwater enters a typical home are via:

- air bricks,
- doors,
- piped drains (for toilets, washing machines, etc.),
- service openings in walls and through permeable walls.

Note: Products shown on this leaflet are for example only - alternative products are available.

Typical measures to prevent water flood water from entering the home are shown below. There is a range of options, but you need the correct combination to suit your home. These products can either be manually fitted i.e. homeowner installs when flooding is likely; or automatic i.e. they stay in place all the time.



Airbrick Cover



Door Flood Barrier